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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Docket No. 46568-240156
Application No. 10/654,170-Conf. #4327	Filing Date September 3, 2003	Examiner B. Q. Truong	Art Unit 2875

Applicant(s): Gary et al.

Invention: **AUTOMATICALLY ERECTABLE DECORATIVE TREE**

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Independent Claims	4	- 5 =	0	x 200.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
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		Application Number	10/654,170-Conf. #4327	
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
26	- 48 = 0	x	=

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
4	- 5 = 0	x	=

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<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
<u>Fee (\$)</u> <u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>

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